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In the application of : Leslie D Humphrey
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Dear Sir,

In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, applicant responds as follows:-